

REMARKSAmendments

In the descriptive part of the specification, a minor typographical error has been corrected.

In the claims, dependent claims 10 and 20, indicated by the Examiner as allowable, have been rewritten in independent form by incorporating the subject matter of claims 1 and 11, respectively. Claims 1 and 11 have been canceled. The dependencies of the remaining dependent claims have been renumbered as appropriate. These amendments have been made in the interest of rapid prosecution and without prejudice to Applicants' right to prosecute claims of similar or different scope to the unamended claims in one or more continuation applications.

New claims 21 and 22 have been added. Basis for claim 21 is in paragraph [0055]; basis for claim 22 is in paragraph [0057].

The Rejection Under 35 USC § 103(a)

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 1-9 and 11-19 under 35 USC § 103(a) as unpatentable over Kushida et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,677,336) in view of Adler (U.S. Patent No. 4,746,914), insofar as the rejection is applicable to the amended claims. Applicants believe that this rejection has been rendered moot as the rejected claims are now dependent on claims indicated to be allowable.

Disclosure Under 37 CFR § 1.56

In fulfilling the duty of candor and good faith, the following document is hereby disclosed to the Patent Office in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56. It is not admitted that the information in the listed document is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56(b). The Examiner is requested to consider the document in the examination of this application.

Accompanying this statement is a Form PTO-1449 in duplicate on which the document is listed. The Examiner is requested to return an initialed and signed copy of the form once the document has been considered.

The following document is referred to in the specification.

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

<u>Document Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Subclass</u>
5,177,327	01/05/1993	Knowles	178	18.04

A copy of the above document is enclosed, this application having been filed before June 30, 2003.

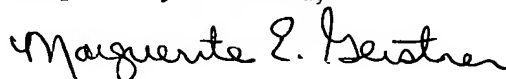
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In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(c)(2), the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee for submitting this Information Disclosure Statement (\$180) to Deposit Account No. 18-0560.

Conclusion

It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action at an early date is earnestly requested. If, however, there are any outstanding issues which can be usefully discussed by telephone, the Examiner is asked to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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